

## Message Text

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DRAFTED BY AF/I:LSHURTLEFF:AB  
APPROVED BY AF:DBOLEN  
AF/I:WLEWIS (DRAFT)  
AF/W:DKILLION (DRAFT)  
AF/C:EMARKS (DRAFT)  
AF/S:DKEOGH (DRAFT)  
AF/E:RSPOST (DRAFT)  
AF/EP:RDUNCAN (DRAFT)  
D/HA:HKHILL (DRAFT)  
P:DO'DONOHUE; S/S:RPERITO  
-----180647Z 102638 /10  
P 180212Z MAR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 060208

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO CONGRESS

REF: A) STATE 046674, B) STATE 053199

1. AS REPORTED REFTELS, DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN TO CONGRESS  
AND APPROVED RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC ONLY THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR THE FOLLOWING AF COUNTRIES  
RECEIVING SECURITY ASSISTANCE AS OF FY-78: CAMEROON,  
ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, KENYA, LIBERIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL,  
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SUDAN, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, BOTSWAA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND.  
REPORTS WERE PROVIDED INFORMALLY TO CONGRESS IN RESPONSE  
TO ITS REQUEST IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL SUBMISSION NEXT WEEK  
AS PART OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION DOCUMENT. THE  
REPORTS WERE MADE PUBLIC, AGAIN PER CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST,  
FOLLOWING INFORMAL SUBMISSION. REF. A GAVE AF POSTS  
OPTION OF BRINGING CONTENTS ABOVE COUNTRY REPORTS TO THE

ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS. REF. B INSTRUCTED POSTS TO INFORM ABOVE GOVERNMENTS THAT REPORTS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. AF POUCHED TEXTS OF ABOVE LISTED COUNTRY REPORTS TO AF POSTS ON FEBRUARY 23.

2. THOUGH BUREAU ALSO PREPARED DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON AFRICA; STATES NOT RPT NOT RECEIVING SECURITY ASSISTANCE, THESE REPORTS WERE NEITHER SENT TO CONGRESS, NOR RELEASED TO PUBLIC. THESE REPORTS WERE PREPARED FOR INTERNAL REVIEW PURPOSES ONLY. DEPARTMENT HAS NO PLANS TO EITHER PASS THESE REPORTS TO CONGRESS, OR MAKE THEM PUBLIC. THESE NON-SECURITY ASSISTANCE COUNTRY REPORTS WERE PASSED TO PERTINENT AF POSTS FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY.

3. IN LIGHT OF ALL ABOVE, ONLY THOSE POSTS IN COUNTRIES (I.E. THOSE LISTED IN PARA ONE ABOVE) NEED TAKE ACTION AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTELS. DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS ON NON-SECURITY ASSISTANCE AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.

4. FOR MASERU, GABORNE AND MBABANE: PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE PASSED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS TO OR DISCUSSED REPORTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. EVEN IF YOU HAVE TAKEN SUCH ACTION PER REFTELS, YOU SHOULD TAKE NO RPT NO ADDITIONAL ACTION PENDING RECEIPT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. FOR AF SECURITY ASSISTANCE COUNTRIES LISTED PARA ONE:  
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DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTS OF MEDIA OR OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO STATUTORY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING. YOU SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SOLICIT SUCH REACTION OR COMMENTS FROM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR MEDIA PERSONS.  
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